

On or before April 29, 2016, the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) will submit a renewal request for the current Section 1115 Waiver for Additional Services and Populations (formerly known as the Basic Waiver) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for approval. This waiver will be effective January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2019. The waiver renewal includes: 1) up to 3,000 individuals below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level with Severe Disabling Mental Illness who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid; 2) individuals who are categorically eligible for Medicaid as Aged, Blind, or Disabled who are eligible for an enhanced Dental Treatment Services package; and 3) all non-expansion Medicaid-covered individuals whose eligibility is based on modified adjusted gross income who will receive a 12 month continuous eligibility period. Two separate Public Meetings to solicit comment on this renewal will be held. The first on March 31, 2016, 9 a.m., at 1400 Broadway, Room C205, Helena, MT 59601. To join the audio portion of the WebEx call 1-877-668-4490, (806 032 202 access code) and access the internet presentation at <http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthCarePrograms/BasicMedicaid/BasicMedicaid1115Waiver>. The second meeting will be held April 5, 2016, 11 a.m. at 2121B Rosebud Dr., Billings, MT 59102. To join the audio portion of the WebEx call 1-877-668-4490, (805 214 313 access code); access the internet presentation at the above website and view waiver renewal materials. Public comments on the Section 1115 Waiver for Additional Services and Populations renewal may be submitted until midnight April 15, 2016, by email to hmook@mt.gov or by mail to: DPHHS, Attn: Holly Mook, P.O. Box 202951, Helena, MT 59620-2951.